





# Welcome!

This activity coloring book is filled with pictures and information about people who have jobs in the hospital. While you are in the hospital, you may see many of these people. Some will work with you everyday and you may get to know a lot about them. There may be others you see just once and some that you do not have to meet; but all the people in this book will be working together to take care of **you**.

You might like to know more about how the jobs these people have are going to help you. On one page, you will see a picture showing a hospital job. Opposite the picture will be information telling what the job is about, what the person who has that job is called and something about how that person and person's job might be helping you.

You can add things to the pictures and color them if you like. There is also a place for you to write about what you know; or what you think, about the person and job in the picture.

This is your book and you are allowed to write and color in it anyway you like. If you want to know more about a job, ask a grown-up to help you learn – perhaps someday you would like to have a hospital job too.



This book belongs to \_\_\_\_\_

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old. The name of the hospital  
is \_\_\_\_\_

and I came here because \_\_\_\_\_

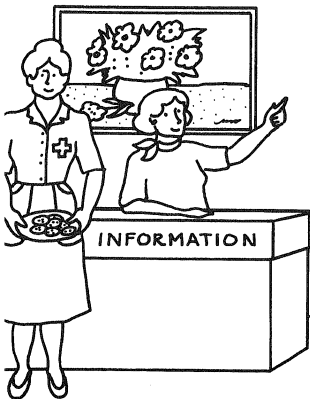
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If you want, draw a picture of yourself here:

The hospital is big and has lots of corridors. When my family and I arrived, we went to the information desk to find out where to go. There, the **hospital volunteer** asked what we were looking for and helped us find the way. **Volunteers** may also bring mail or flowers to my room. In the clinic or waiting room they may offer me a snack while I wait. I need to know more about \_\_\_\_\_

on this visit and the volunteer told me ... \_\_\_\_\_

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ADMISSIONS



When I got to the hospital **admissions** office, family and I had to answer lots of questions. I found out what room I would be in and got a bracelet to wear on my wrist. The **admissions clerk** told me that bracelet was for \_\_\_\_\_

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I have a **doctor** who is in charge of taking care of me. He receives information about me from other hospital workers and then decides what will be best for me. Medical students work under the doctor's direction until they finish their school work and take a big test for their doctor's license. I see my doctor a lot while I am here. When I see the doctor coming I usually \_\_\_\_\_

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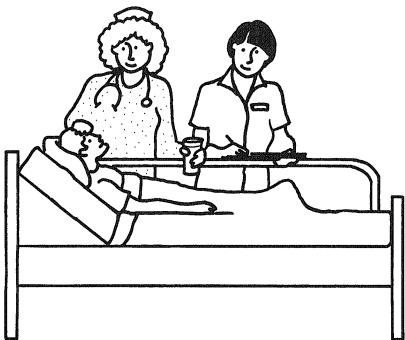
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**Nurses** work along with doctors to take care of me here. They take turns working different hours so that all day and all night there is a nurse here for me. Sometimes I have a **student nurse** too. She is almost finished with the school work she will need to take the **registered nurse** test. When my nurse comes in I \_\_\_\_\_

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A **nurse's aide** might come to help me use the bedpan if I cannot get up to use the bathroom, or to put fresh new sheets on my bed. An aide does things that help me and my nurse because the nurse can get very busy taking care of me and other children too. I found out that the nurse's aide can \_\_\_\_\_

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Sometimes the hospital will have a **dentist** too. Good dental habits are still important, even when I am not feeling my best. During my visit to a dentist office I \_\_\_\_\_

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There are times in my hospital visit when my doctor needs to learn about how my body is working by examining my blood. A **phlebotomist** is someone who has learned how to find my veins and can take the blood sample for the doctor. Having to have a blood sample taken is something that I \_\_\_\_\_

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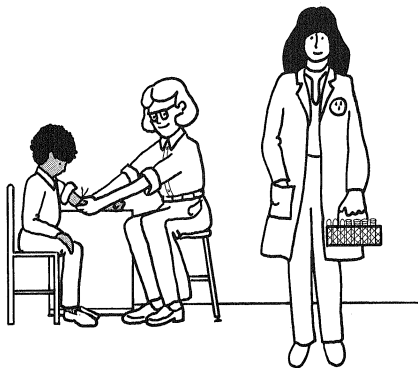
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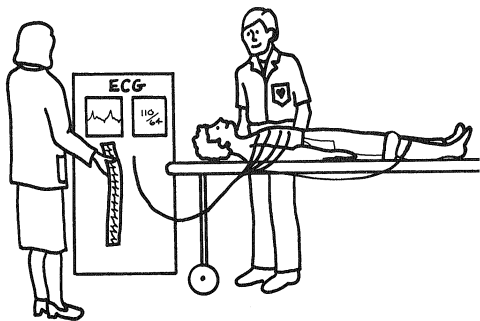
In a laboratory, a **technician** takes my blood sample and examines it by looking through a microscope or with other special machines. Other specimens, like my urine or tissue samples go to the laboratory, too. A **pathologist** is a doctor who specializes in studies of the body and its parts. The pathologist will tell my doctor about what he has found while examining my samples. I think that looking at blood is \_\_\_\_\_

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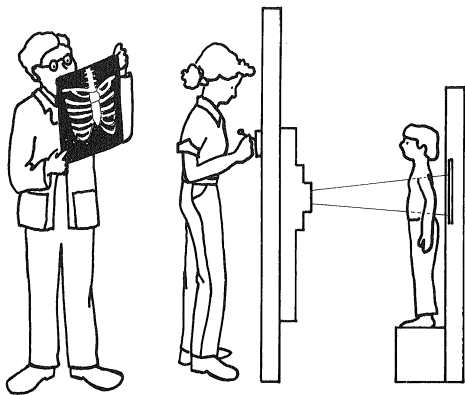
I went to have an **electrocardiogram** (ECG or EKG) so my doctor could find out how my heart is working. The technician attached some suction leads to my chest and leg. While I laid on the table, the machine made a wavy line picture of my heart beat pattern. A **cardiologist** is a doctor who knows a lot about hearts and heart problems. She tells my doctor about the results of the ECG. After the test, the suction leads left little marks on my chest and leg. Before they went away I thought they looked \_\_\_\_\_

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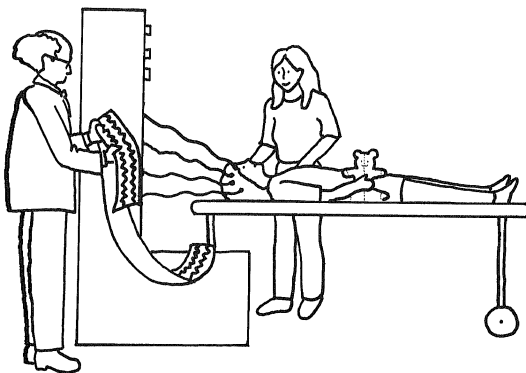






All the wires from the electroencephalogram (EEG) look scary but they stick on my head with some smelly glue and don't hurt me. The **technician** makes lines on my head, then glues the leads on. The machine prints out a wavy line picture of my brain's electrical activity. A **neurologist** is the specialty doctor who reads the wavy lines and knows how to explain them to my doctor. To me, all this looks like \_\_\_\_\_

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All the medicines and vitamins used in the hospital come from the pharmacy. When doctors order medication, they send a message to the **pharmacist**. That is the doctor who studied and knows a lot about chemistry and how different medicines can help your body work better, or make a person more comfortable if they are having pain. Something I know about medicine is

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Sometimes, everything about being in the hospital can seem too scary to be able to list or to think about any more. If my doctor thinks that I need to talk about my feelings with someone who is not in my family, he might call a **psychiatrist**. This kind of doctor has training to help people describe how they feel and what they might be worried about and works with the person to find solutions for the worries.

When I need to talk about my feelings I can

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If I need an operation during my hospital stay, my doctor will call two specially-trained doctors.

A **surgeon** has learned about how to help patients recover from illnesses and accidents by repairing the tissues or organs or by taking out tissues or organs which are diseased and don't work right. The surgeon closes the wounded area with stitches or staples when the operation is over.

During an operation, a special kind of sleep helps the patient not to feel what is happening. The **anesthesiologist** monitors this special sleep and tells the surgeon how the patient is doing.

Something that I know about operations is

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In the hospital, the **dietician** makes sure that I am served balanced meals. If I need special meals, she helps my doctor plan that, too. The meals are prepared and delivered by the **dietary staff**. When my meals come I \_\_\_\_\_



Every unit in the hospital has a **head nurse**. She is responsible for planning when the other nurses work, making sure that equipment to take care of the patients is in good condition and keeping track of the kind of care that all the patients receive. If there is a special problem or concern in the unit, the head nurse will help find a solution. If I saw the head nurse on my floor I would talk to her about \_\_\_\_\_



There is a place in the hospital where all kinds of people go to donate blood. It is called the **Blood Bank**. This is important because some patients may need blood during an operation and after; or to help them recover from their illness. A **nurse** will work with the person who is donating to help him feel comfortable during the procedure. A **hemotologist** is the kind of doctor who knows a lot about the blood and all its parts. If my doctor wants my blood analyzed or if I need blood, the hemotologist will work with my doctor to give me the best match from the bank. What I know about blood is \_\_\_\_\_

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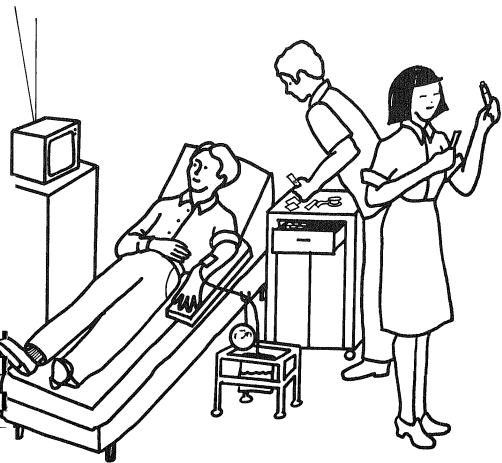
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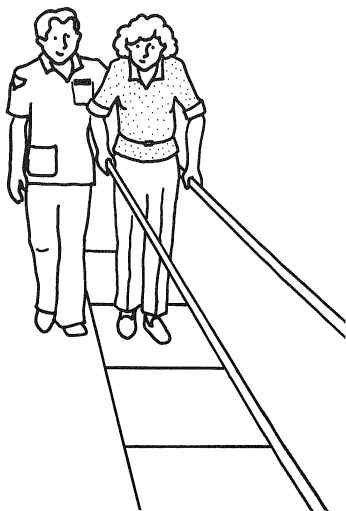
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The **physical therapist** is a person who is trained and knows a lot about the body and muscles. In the hospital, some people need to practice walking or using other muscles, especially if they have had an operation on their leg or have had to stay still in bed for a very long time.

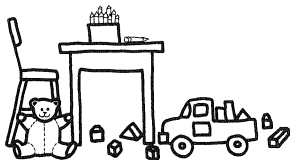
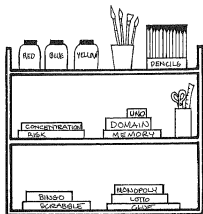
The physical therapist helps my doctor plan an exercise program for me if I need help to use certain muscles while I'm in the hospital or after I go home. To me, this seems like \_\_\_\_\_





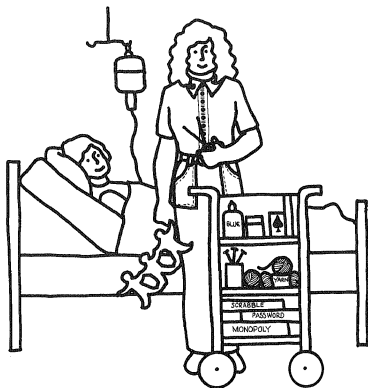
I have a place to go during the times between my tests and appointments. In the **playroom**, I can choose what I want to play with and the **recreation specialist** helps me to \_\_\_\_\_

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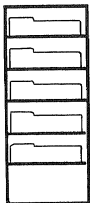
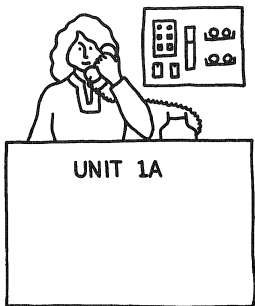
Sometimes I am not feeling well enough to get up, or a special test keeps me in bed all day long. On those days, a **recreation specialist** might come to my room and we \_\_\_\_\_

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During the day on my unit, the **unit coordinator** is busy keeping charts up to date and making appointments for all the patients. When I need to know what time to go to a test, I ask \_\_\_\_\_

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One activity for quiet time is reading. A **librarian** or a **library volunteer** may suggest a book for me to read if I visit the library. If I can't leave my room, because of a special test or if I don't feel well enough, they might bring me a book or a magazine to look at in bed. My favorite kinds of stories are \_\_\_\_\_

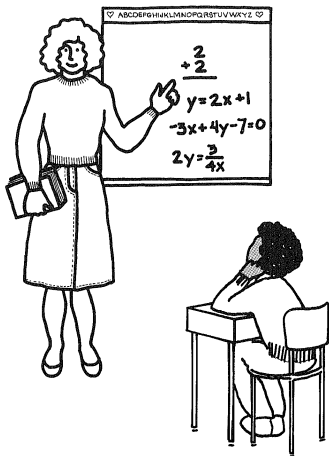
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My family and my doctor may want me to go to school while I'm in the hospital, especially if I have to be here for a couple of weeks or more. If I go to school, I'll be able to keep up with the children in my regular home school and I won't have so much work to catch up on when I go back. My **hospital school teacher** helps me

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My **social worker** may visit me and my family while I'm here and answer lots of questions we have about housing, meals, money and what resources we can use during and after my hospital visit. My doctor may ask the social worker to explain more to us about my illness.

I asked the social worker when I wanted to know more about \_\_\_\_\_

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When my doctor says I am ready to leave, my social worker may contact the **transportation staff**. They will help me with travel plans to get home. My favorite way to travel is \_\_\_\_\_

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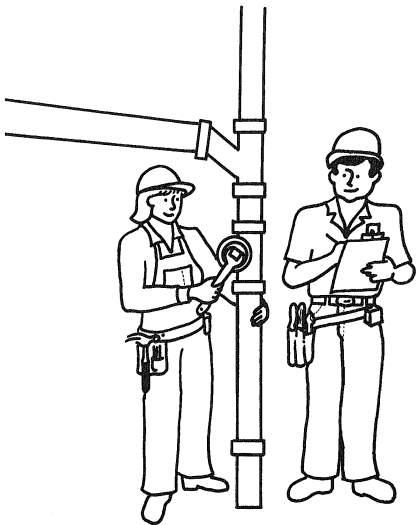
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***Transportation***



It is very important for the hospital to have people who can fix things when they break. When this happens, the **maintenance staff** will come and make a repair. Something that I know about fixing broken things is \_\_\_\_\_

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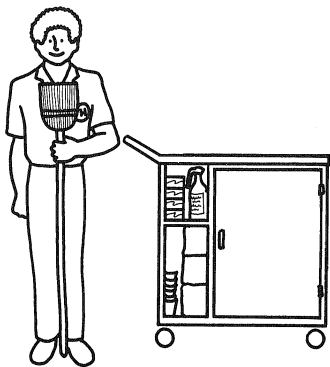


**Police** or **security guards** keep the hospital safe and secure. They take turns working different shifts, like nurses, so the hospital is protected 24 hours a day. One of them told me \_\_\_\_\_



For a hospital to be clean is especially important. **Housekeepers** work hard to keep the hospital sanitary and safe. Cleaning up is something that I

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It is not easy to be a **patient**. You may have many different feelings about your hospital visit. Lots of children feel scared, or sad, or mad.

**You** may have hard work to do also! There may be rules you do not like. Any of the people you've seen in this book may ask you to do things you don't always want to do, but are important for taking care of you, while you are in the hospital.

Write something here, if you want to, about what you think of being in the hospital.

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There were lots of days when I felt \_\_\_\_\_  
about being in the hospital. This is how I looked  
when I felt like that!

**ME!**

**Thanks !** for spending your time working on this activity book.



Patient Activities  
Department



Life, Be it.

Hi. My name is Janet and I wrote this book. I wanted children like you to be able to learn more about who all the people are that you may see in the hospital. You can help me make this book better by filling out the card below and mailing it back to me. Just tear it out, and put it in the mail box. It has a stamp already.

I hope you enjoyed this book and you learned something you didn't know before.

1) Did you understand what to do with this book?

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